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SUBJ: SASKATCHEWAN POTASH SALES TO CHINA

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1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL OF MAY 7 CARRIES PEKING DATELINE REPORT (ROSS MUNRO) THAT SASKATCHEWAN PREMIER BLAKENEY HAS TOLD CHINESE OFFICIALS HE HOPES THEY WILL CONTINUE BUYING SASKATCHEWAN POTASH, BUT "HE GOT ONLY A VAGUE, POLITE RESPONSE". BLAKENEY REPORTEDLY SAID IN INTERVIEW THAT THE REACTION OF CHINESE OFFICIALS WAS "FAVORABLE BUT NON-COMMITTAL." THE PREMIER FURTHER SAID THAT OFFICIALS TOLD HIM THAT IF FURTHER FOREIGN PURCHASES ARE MADE THEY WILL LOOK TO CANADA AS A SUPPLIER.

2. NEWS REPORT NOTES THAT SASKATCHEWAN HAS EXPORTED APPROXIMATELY 300,000 TONS OF POTASH TO CHINA SINCE 1972, BUT THAT THE EXPORT CONTRACT IS EXPIRING WITHOUT ANY FIRM INDICATION OF CHINESE INTENTIONS TO RENEW.  
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